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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION FUNDS

1. ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ITS ECONOMY BY THE OECD ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (EDRC), IT HAS BECOME TRADITIONAL FOR EACH OECD MEMBER COUNTRY TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR THE DELEGATIONS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ACT AS EXAMINERS AT THE REVIEW, INCLUDING A FEW OTHER RELEVANT GUESTS SUCH AS CHAIRMAN OF EDRC. IN ADDITION TO HOSPITALITY ASPECTS OF THE EVENT, LUNCHEON PROVIDES OCCASION FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG MEMBERS OF EXAMINED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS AND THE EXAMINERS. IN KEEPING WITH THIS PRACTICE, THE U.S. HOSTS A LUNCH EACH YEAR ON THE DAY OF THE EDRC REVIEW OF THE U.S. ECONOMY. U.S. SENDS SENIOR DELEGATIONS TO REVIEW (USUALLY LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS). EXAMINING DELEGATIONS FOR THE U.S. ARE CURRENTLY FRANCE AND CANADA. INCLUDING MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION, NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN LUNCHEON IS BETWEEN 20-25; THE COST IS SUBSTANTIAL (\$400 OR MORE) AND REQUIRES THE COMMITMENT OF A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE MISSION'S LIMITED REPRESENTATION FUNDS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN ABOVE-DESCRIBED PURPOSE OF LUNCH AT ANNUAL REVIEW, MISSION REQUESTS ALLOTMENT OF \$400 FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (AND REGULARLY IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS) FROM OIC FUNDS TO DEFRAY EXPENSE OF REPRE-

SENTATIONAL FUNCTION DURING EDRC MEETING WHICH EXAMINES

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